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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings and hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panels (AP) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Friday, June 5, 2015, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and the CNMI Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Friday, June 5, 2015, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. All times listed are local island times.

For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association Lanai in Hagatna, Guam,

and the CNMI Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Division of Fish and Wildlife Conference Room in Tanapag, Saipan, CNMI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Schedule and Agenda for the Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

*6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2015*

1. "Hafa Adai" Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of the Agenda
3. Issues to be discussed at 163<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting
  - A. Upcoming Council Action Items
    - i. Cooperative Research Priorities
    - ii. Five-year Research Priorities
  - B. Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam Community Activities
4. Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam Issues
  - A. Report of the Subpanels
    - i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
    - ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
    - iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel

- iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel
- B. Other Issues
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Discussion and Recommendations
- 7. "At the end of the day" Other Business

**Schedule and Agenda for the CNMI Mariana Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

***5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2015***

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Review and Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Issues to be discussed at 163<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting
  - A. Upcoming Council Action Items
    - i. Cooperative Research Priorities
    - ii. Five-year Research Priorities
  - B. Mariana Archipelago FEP-CNMI Community Activities
- 4. Mariana Archipelago FEP-CNMI Issues
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    - i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
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    - iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
    - iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel
  - B. Other Issues
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Discussion and Recommendations

## 7. Other Business

### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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